GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:21
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MEDIUM TERM EXPORT POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised its medium term export policy to double its exports within the next few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which it will boost the Indian export;

(d) whether several new items have been identified for export under this policy;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the policy would be WTO compatible;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether the Government have received a number of representations on the inclusion of more ports as entry points for imports; and

(i) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (i) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) &
(i) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.3.2002 REGARADING MEDIUM TERM E〉
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(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The Medium Term Export Strategy (MTES)for the period 2002 - 2007, has been announced. Focus products have been identified by examining the import basket of major trading partners and India`s export basket. The Medium Term Export Strategy gives a road map for the export sector by giving macro & sector-wise strategies to increase India`s share of merchandise exports to 1% of World exports by 2006-07.

(d) & (e): In all 220 items at 4 digit level have been identified which have potential for boosting Indian exports. These include potential items in the import basket of major trading partners as well as the export basket of India. The details of 220 items are given in the Medium Term Export Strategy 2002-2007 document, copies of which have been made available to Parliament Library.

(f) : Yes, Sir.

(g) : Does not arise.

(h) & (i) : In general, imports into India are allowed from all customs ports unless otherwise specified on grounds of quality, standards etc